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2 1. A computer-implemented method for training a computer
3 code intrusion detection system in real time, said method
4 comprising the steps of:

5 observing, in real time, commands that are accessing
6 the computer code; and

7 deriving from said commands, in real time, a set of
8 acceptable commands.
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10 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the computer code is a
11 database, and the computer code intrusion detection system is a
12 database intrusion detection system.

13 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the commands are SQL
14 commands.
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16 4. The method of claim 1 wherein at least one command is
17 from the group of commands comprising a query, an add, a delete,
18 and a modify.

19 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the deriving step
20 comprises:

21 grouping the commands into categories; and
22 updating statistical information pertaining to the
23 categories in real time.
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25 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the categories comprise at
26 least one category from the group of categories comprising:

27 canonicalized commands;
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1 dates and times at which commands access the computer
2 code;
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4 logins of users that issue commands;
5 identities of users that issue commands;
6 departments of users that issue commands;
7 applications that issue commands;
8 IP addresses of issuing users;
9 frequency of issuing commands by users;
10 identities of users accessing a given field within the
11 computer code;
12 times of day that a given user accesses a given field
13 within the computer code;
14 fields accessed by commands;
15 combinations of fields accessed by commands;
16 tables within the computer code accessed by commands;
17 combinations of tables within the computer code
18 accessed by commands.

19 7. The method of claim 5 wherein:

20 the categories comprise canonicalized commands; and
21 each category is a command stripped of literal field
22 data.

23 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the observing step
24 comprises at least one of:

25 real-time auditing; and
26 in-line interception.
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1 9. The method of claim 8 wherein the observing step
2 comprises real-time auditing; and at least one of the following
3 is used to extract the commands for observation:

4 an API that accesses the computer code;
5 code injection;
6 patching;
7 direct database integration.

9 10. The method of claim 8 wherein the observing step
10 comprises in-line interception; and at least one of the following
11 is interposed between senders of the commands and the computer
12 code:

13 a proxy;
14 a firewall;
15 a sniffer;

17 11. The method of claim 1 wherein:

18 during the deriving step, suspicious activity is
19 tracked; and
20 subsequent to the deriving step, the suspicious
21 activity is reported to a system administrator.

22 12. The method of claim 1 wherein a duration of performing
23 the deriving step is determined by statistical means.

24 13. The method of claim 1 further comprising, subsequent to
25 the deriving step, an operational step in which commands that are
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1 accessing the computer code are compared against the set of
2 acceptable commands.

3 14. The method of claim 13 wherein a command that is
4 accessing the computer code during the operational step that does
5 not match a command in the set of acceptable commands is flagged
6 as suspicious.

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8 15. The method of claim 14 wherein, when a command is
9 flagged as suspicious, at least one of the following is
10 performed:

11 an alert is sent to a system administrator;
12 the command is not allowed to access the computer code;
13 the command is allowed to access the computer code, but
14 the access is limited;
15 the command is augmented;
16 a sender of the command is investigated.

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18 16. A computer-readable medium containing computer program
19 instructions for training a computer code intrusion detection
20 system in real time, said computer program instructions
21 performing the steps of:

22 observing, in real time, commands that are accessing
23 the computer code; and
24 deriving from said commands, in real time, a set of
25 acceptable commands.
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1 17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 wherein the
2 deriving step comprises:

3 grouping the commands into categories; and
4 updating statistical information pertaining to the
5 categories in real time.

6 18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17 wherein:

7 the categories comprise canonicalized commands; and
8 each category is a command stripped of literal field
9 data.

10 19. The computer-readable medium of claim 16 further
11 comprising, subsequent to the deriving step, an operational step
12 in which commands that are accessing the computer code are
13 compared against the set of acceptable commands.

14 20. Apparatus for training a computer code intrusion
15 detection system in real time, said apparatus comprising:

16 a training module adapted for observing, in real time,
17 commands that are accessing the computer code, and
18 for deriving from said commands, in real time, a set
19 of acceptable commands; and
20 coupled to the set of acceptable commands, a comparison
21 module for comparing commands that access the
22 computer code during an operational phase with
23 commands in the set of acceptable commands.
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